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### **COURT DENIES POLICE OFFICER'S REQUEST TO INSPECT PERSONNEL FILES OF FELLOW OFFICERS**

**San Diego, CA:** Superior Court Judge Judith Hayes has denied a police sergeant his request to inspect the personnel files of fellow officers who had been promoted in July 2004. Mark Sullivan, a 23-year employee of the San Diego Police Department and the representative of the Police Officer's Association to the San Diego City Employees' Retirement System Board, filed a lawsuit in September 2005, seeking court intervention after he was denied a promotion to lieutenant by Police Chief Bill Lansdowne.

Sullivan requested and was granted an administrative appeal but was not satisfied with the scope of the procedure established by the City. In rebuffing Sullivan's request to expand the hearing, the Court found that the City adequately protected Sullivan's right to due process.

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